Funds for Houses for Weaker Sections in Andhra Pradesh

3444. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has prepared any plan to provide houses to all the weaker sections in the State;

(b) whether a large number of houses for backward and economically weaker sections were constructed during 1995-96;

(c) whether the State Government has asked the Central Government to provide funds for construction of more houses for weaker sections during 1996-97;

(d) if so, the total allocations made to the State on this account; and

(e) whether the Central Government have asked the State to utilise funds from out of JRY housing programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In 1996-97, additional funds to the tune of Rs. 24.78 crores under IAY towards Central assistance were allocated.

(e) No, Sir.

Schemes for Development of Rural Areas in Uttar Pradesh

3445. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages of Uttar Pradesh covered under the schemes for development of rural areas and whether Government are satisfied with the progress of the schemes;

(b) the names of the schemes on which work is in progress in the villages of Uttar Pradesh and the amount allocated to that State under them;

(c) out of the allocated amount how much is spent on pay and other administrative expenses and how much on developmental work; and

(d) whether Government have received any complaint regarding these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) All villages/blocks of Uttar Pradesh are covered under major Rural Development Programme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) respectively, Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) is being implemented in 91 blocks of the State. Further, all non-EAS blocks have been covered under Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) with effect from 1.4.97. The Government is generally satisfied with the progress of the scheme.

(b) The central allocation made to the state of Uttar Pradesh under major programmes during 1997-98 is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i) J.R.Y.	37841.25
(ii) I.R.D.P.	10494.33
(iii) D.P.A.P.	1092.50
(iv) E.A.S.:—	Since it is a demand driven scheme, no allocation is made.

(c) The administrative expenses varies from scheme to scheme. It is not more than 2% of total allocation of the state in case of JRY/EAS and not more than 10% under IRDP/DPAP.

(d) Complaints received are sent to

respective State Governments for remedial action.

UNDP Project for Safe Drinking Water in Rural Areas

3446. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an European Company is executing a UNDP's 1 lakh dollars project to develop a new deep well hand pump for improving the supply of safe drinking water in rural areas;

(b) if so, the agency which has been given the work of development and the details of the terms;

(c) the number of pumps to be installed during the next five years; and

(d) the time to be taken to cover rural areas in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Non-inclusion of Rural Sanitation in Basic Minimum Needs Programme

3447. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Sanitation Programmes are lagging behind the actual requirement of the people;

(b) whether any review thereof has been made;

(c) whether the Rural Sanitation Programme has not been included in the Basic Minimum Needs Programme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken for the effective implementation of Rural Sanitation Programme.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Chief Minister Conference held on Basic Minimum Services by July, 1996 had recommended that there should be effective convergence of sanitation hygiene and public health with drinking water sources and facilities.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The States have been provided with technological options for implementation of the programme. The progress of implementation is monitored by obtaining periodical monthly/quarterly reports and by visits by the officers and review meetings with the States.

Additional amounts to Andhra Pradesh under Employment Assurance Scheme

3448. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has asked the Central Government to provide Rs. 118.50 crores to complete all the pending works under the Employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the total allocation made during 1996-97;

(c) whether the pending works would have to be completed before taking up new works;

(d) whether the Central Government have allowed the State Government to utilise this amount to take up the remaining incomplete works; and

(e) if so, whether any additional amount would be given; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a)